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County School Board Convention

Pursuant to call of Superintendent J. Clyde Akers, at least nine-tenths of the school districts of our county were represented by their board members at this important meeting, which was held in the High School building at Farmington last Saturday, the 10th inst. This large representative body of school officials was augmented by the following leading and prominent school men of our city high schools: Supt. Melcher of Bonne Terre, Supt. Danuser of Esther, Supt. Jadin of Leadwood, Supt. Jones of Desloge, Supt. Baker of Frankford, Supt. Jones of Farmington, Prin. Knight of Mitchell, Supt. King of Ste. Genevieve county and Mrs. O. W. Bleck of Farmington. If an earnest school spirit existed in our county had ever been questioned, this great meeting and the intense interest manifested by each and every one present would banish any such imaginings. The convention was formally opened with devotional exercises led by Supt. Johns of the Farmington schools, after which County Superintendent Akers stated the program for the day.

The first subject, "The Rural School Problem" was introduced and very thoroughly and intelligently presented and discussed in its many and difficult phases by Mrs. O. M. Bleck of Farmington. Mrs. Bleck pointed out many of the hindering difficulties and defects existing in the present day rural schools and suggested some excellent remedial agencies therefor. Her presentation of this important rural problem elicited much applause and paved the way for many interesting and profitable discussions, chief of which was made by Supt. Melcher of the Bonne Terre schools, not that all of the discussions were not interesting and instructive, but his masterly way in picking out the flaws now existent and suggestions as to remedies made his talk extremely gratifying and pleasing to all present. The remainder of the forenoon session was devoted to another all-important question, "How to Get the Most Efficient Service from the Teacher." This subject was very ably presented and analyzed by Supt. Jadin of the Leadwood schools, whose clear insight of the problem made it very evident that his knowledge of what the equipments of a worthwhile teacher should be and how they may be obtained, was not superficial but penetrated to the inner heart of the subject. Many instructive points were brought out by all the participants in the debate of this vital subject. Our Superintendent was not silent on any of the topics discussed and his views were always pregnant with information worthy of the most thoughtful consideration. The School Board question was given thoughtful consideration at this meeting and was clear to be seen that all present realized that the duties of the boards and the influence they exerted and could exert had a vital effect not only on the present but the future of the schools of their jurisdiction. We are sure that all will take up their arduous duties with a new zeal realizing that they in a very great measure hold the destiny of their respective schools in their own hands.

Mr. Thomas, president of the Board of Education of the Knob Lick Consolidated Dist., made some timely suggestions which were heartily received. His idea, concisely stated, was that boards should be a unit in school affairs, should be in perfect accord with each other, that they should lean heavily on the County Superintendent's arm for counsel and advice, in a word, that hearty and friendly co-operation should always maintain in their closely associated educational county heads. This ended the forenoon session.

Promptly after assembling for the afternoon session the subject of San-

itary Heaters for our rural schools was taken up. The subject was presented from its various angles by Geo. M. Raines, who represents the Smith System of heating and ventilation. The subject was presented in a very fair and practical manner. We think from all indications, that the near future will see every school in the county possessed of this excellent system, as beyond question it is certainly the same both in heating and ventilation. This system has been tested in quite a few of our schools and in every instance has given the best satisfaction in all of its features. Mr. Akers, from thorough knowledge of its merits unqualifiedly recommended its installation in all our county schools, and the Convention gave its hearty approval special resolution.

The question of Free Text Books was next considered. It was very ably and forcibly presented by Supt. Danuser of the Esther schools. Mr. Danuser, we think, made it so plain that no one could deny the essentiality of the Free Text adoption. There is no doubt but that it would mark an era of progress in our schools and this to be accomplished virtually without price. Free Text Books will open wider the door to the poor of our country, place them on an equality with the great measure of wealth, will in a great measure dispense with the truant officer by giving an opportunity to all.

Supt. King of Ste. Genevieve county talked on some of the problems of County Superintendents. This is no longer the asylum for idle men as Mr. King convinced us, but is a realizer-man's job. Few of us realize the manifold duties imposed on this official. Besides being a bureau of information for us all, he is the hardest worked man connected with our schools and in some instances the most meagrely compensated. We are glad to note that our present Legislature has awakened to this fact and will provide the necessary aid to assist in the office work of our County Superintendents, and also provide for the necessary traveling expenses incurred while acting in their official duties. This is but fair and should be done.

Our popular Dentist, Dr. Walsh, gave the Convention some wholesome information along sanitary lines, especially as regards mouth cleanliness, etc. Our audience was not hard to convince that "cleanliness is next to godliness." The Doctor emphasized the fact that at least 50 per cent of our ill proceed directly from foul, unkept mouths. That if a generous use of the tooth brush be indulged in that his and the services of all M. D.'s will be very naturally curtailed, while that of our race will be greatly increased for more and better service to the world.

In conclusion we wish, in all frankness, to say that our Convention was a great success and will result in better things for our schools in the future, and to the earnest and untiring efforts of County Superintendent, Mr. Akers, the great success of this convention and the rapid strides made along educational lines in our county, belongs a very large mead of praise. May he live long in this service so near to his heart.

Resolutions will appear next week.

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STILL THE BOOK LIST COMES

The following additional books have been added to the Farmington Free Library:

Good Indian.
The Last of the Plainsmen.
The Sacrifice of the Shannon.
The Proof of the Pudding.
Daniel Deronda.
The Real Adventure.
The Virginians.
Young Lord Strauleagh.
The Jessamine Bride.
In the Fog.
The Adventures of Francois.
A Double Barrel Shot Gun.
The Destroyer.
Miss Gibbie Gault.
Over the Range.
Mill on the Floss.
The Kingdom of Slender Swords.
Young Folks History of England.
Young Folks History of America.
Dickens' Child's History of England.
History of Education.
Looking Towards the Sunset.
Letters from Port Royal.
The Christian Hope.
Child Problems.
The Subjection of Women.
The Law of Psychic Phenomenon.
St. Nicholas.
The Lighted Match.
Boy Scouts in an Airship.
In Search of Treasure.
Strong and Steady.
Frank Hunter's Peril.
First Book of Birds.
Gentleman Player.
A Splendid Spire.
A Child's Garden of Verse.
The Market Place.
Sentimental Tommy.
That Printer of Uddell.
Ridolfo.
Through the Fire of Affliction.
The Struggle for Missouri.
The Secret Garden.
Tom Swift and His Electric.
Tom Swift and His Air Glide.
Tom Swift and His Search Light.
Tom Swift Among the Diamond Mines.
Tom Swift and His Submarine Boat.
Tom Swift in Captivity.
Tom Swift and His Wireless Message.
Tom Swift and His Aerial Warship.
Tom Swift and His Motor Cycle.
Tom Swift and His Photo Telephone.
Tom Swift and His Cave of Ice.
Tom Swift and His Motor Boat.
Tom Swift and His Airship.
Tom Swift and His City of Gold.
Tom Swift and His Big Tunnel.
Tom Swift and His Great Cannon.
Tom Swift and His Sky Racer.
Tom Swift and His Wizard Camera.
Tom Swift and His Electric Runabout.
The Parables.
Bethesda.
The Song of the Lark.
The Conflict.
The Young Carthage Man.
Lorna Doon.
Life of Davy Crockett.
Cudjoe's Cave.
Captains Courageous.
Bacon's Essays.
Back Log Studies.
Roy and Rosy Rocks.
Love's Labor Lost.
Flower Tables.
Peter.
Risen from the Ranks.
A Slaveholder's Daughter.
Five Little Strangers.
History of the American People.
Shepherd of the Hills.

WHY EDITORS GET RICH

Did you ever sit down to calculate how liberal the editor is with his "stock in trade" space in his newspaper? Well, as Shakespeare said, "Think not."

People who never think of asking the grocer for \$1.00 worth of sugar will ask the editor for eight or ten inches of space, or twenty lines of puff notice worth 5 cents a line, which puff is of no value as news matter, but of purely personal interest, and they think the editor a misanthrope and a tightwad if he fails to publish it or ask pay for it.

People who are too proud and sensible to go to the dry-goodsman and ask him for a gift of five yards of goods at 10 cents a yard will ask the editor to run a ten-line local free of Mr. So-and-so's Insurance Co. having paid a \$2,000 death claim in ten days after proof of death was sent in.

Figure it. Give a two-line local to a church bazaar and make the baby do without a pair of 10 cent hose, write a five-line puff of some lodge agent who is getting \$5 for every member he adds to the lodge roster, and make your family go without a juicy 25 cent steak, or stand the butcher off for 60 days; devote half a column, 60 lines, to the write-up of old man Skinfint's daughter, when he is so darned stingy he has never paid one dime for the paper, but borrows it, and then tell your devoted, self-sacrificing wife she has to do without the poor \$3 pair of shoes she needs; blow a man's politician who never subscribes for the paper except for three months when he is a candidate, and give him \$5 worth of space and then make your wife wear the same calico dress because you lack the \$5 to buy her a Sunday's best said candidate's wife would not wear to do a day's washing in; publish a 300 line obituary of an extinguished citizen, the death of whom no one regrets and do without a \$15 hand-me-down for the sucker who ought to have been branded in his forehead, E. Z. Mark."

—Dexter Statesman.

HOW TO PREVENT CROUP

When the child is subject to attacks of croup, see to it that he eats a light evening meal, as an overloaded stomach may bring on an attack, also watch for the first symptom—hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse. Obtainable everywhere. (adv.)

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396 acres; 200 acres fenced, about 145 acres in cultivation and pasture. Lots of outside range. Spring water plentiful. House, barn and silo. Some good corn land. Would make two good farms. Term. Investigate. J. C. BALLARD, Libertyville, Mo.

County Court

County Court adjourned Friday, and following is the business transacted not reported in last week's paper:

John T. Boring tendered his resignation as road overseer of district No. 6 on account of contemplating removing from the district.

On Thursday the court, in company with County Highway Engineer T. H. Holman, made a tour of inspection of roads in the vicinity of Bonne Terre, French Village and Koester.

Willis A. Moon was appointed road overseer of district No. 6 to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John T. Boring.

The following additional road overseers filed their bonds, which were approved: Thos. H. Weddle, district No. 1; Marion Benham, 5; J. L. McFarland, 11; W. R. Williams, 12; M. E. Aubuchon, 14; C. F. Boyd, 15; W. L. Eaton, 16; E. C. Papin, 18, and J. L. McLarney, 24.

The following show regulations for Flat River were made of record: "Now on this day comes M. H. Markley and others and file their protest in the manner of conduct of the Atwood Amusement Co., now showing in the town of Flat River. This protest is a series of complaints made to the court relative to conduct of shows at said town.

"It is therefore ordered and adjudged by this court that the following citizens of Flat River be and they are hereby appointed as a committee to pass upon all applications for show licenses for the said town of Flat River: F. M. Horton, Don Cameron, C. E. Marshall, Henry Rinke and A. J. Norwine.

"It is further ordered by the court that the constable of St. Francois township, C. R. Black, be and he is hereby directed to refuse all shows the right or privilege to exhibit in the said town of Flat River who have not made application and been granted the right to show by the aforementioned committee.

"The Court directs the Clerk to certify a copy of this order to each person named on the above committee, and also to C. R. Black, Constable."

Warrants Issued:

The following additional warrants were issued: Missouri Metal Corporation, repairs and supplies for road machinery, \$19.00; Lorenzo Westover, receiving rock on Burks road, \$20; Meyer & Branning, crushed rock delivered on Burks road, \$397.31; Holt Mfg. Co., repair parts on road engine, \$114.22; W. H. Forbes, auto hire, \$10; Standard Printing Co., supplies for county offices, \$12.55; Mt. Vernon Sanatorium for support of patients, \$40; Standard Printing Co., stationery for offices, \$148.78; G. Brune, Court House repairs and supplies, \$5.40; Albert Wulfer, County Clerk, stamps, express, etc., \$5.28; C. I. Garrett, Presiding Judge, five days' services present session, \$26.75; W. A. Mitchell, Associate Judge, same, \$25.70; E. M. Matkin, Associate Judge, same, \$25.70; Chas. H. Adams, Sheriff, same, \$10; Thos. H. Holman, services as Highway Engineer, \$21.75.

Court adjourned to March 21.

FEDERAL AID WILL START NEW ROAD BUILDING PLANS

Long experience proves that no comprehensive scheme of road construction can grow out of local interests or local initiative.

The recent passage of the Federal Aid Road Law begins a plan that should have been started two generations ago. When we recall the vast area of land that the government has turned over to private enterprise for the construction of railways we wonder at the long delayed appreciation of the need of public encouragement and support for the construction of highways to serve as feeders to these transcontinental lines.

The granting of vast areas of the public domain to private individuals to promote the development of new territory was fully justified in the minds of our early statesmen. Whether the same result might not have been attained at less cost to the nation, is a debatable question. Certainly no one in these days would recommend this method of support to develop a network of highways. Direct Federal aid is now believed to be the better plan and the Shackleford bill furnishes the machinery for such aid. It is wisely planned that the support of the federal government shall be supplemented in equal measure by the individual States. This allows a flexibility demanded by the widely varied interests of different sections of the country and the State furnishes a proper unit of control. State legislation in turn, will be supplemented by an appeal to the similar unit, the county, and within the county, townships and districts may be further called upon for special contribution and support in accordance with local needs.

It is interesting and instructive to note that no State, having once started upon a road program, has ever taken a single backward step. Furthermore, in practically all cases the tendency is toward a more complete centralization of control within the State as a unit.

These State highway commissions are doing the best work that recognize the needs of local districts and who give these full consideration in the carrying out of more comprehensive schemes. A fully developed plan for the future should be upon a Federal Office of Public Roads, a state highway commission for every State, and an organization within these commissions that will be responsive to the local needs of every part of the State.

A SPLENDID HOME

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I desire to sell my home place, in Doss addition, Farmington, and would like to have an offer on same. Everything in first-class condition. Bids should be made to Hailo & Co., realty dealers, Farmington, Mo. Make me an offer. W. O'Sullivan.

Writers of "romantic" fiction would have had Ambassador Gerard fight his way out of Berlin with a trusty rapier in his good right hand.

Saves Eggs

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder makes it possible to produce appetizing and wholesome cakes, muffins, cornbread, etc., with fewer eggs than are usually required.

In many recipes the number of eggs may be reduced and excellent results obtained by using an additional quantity of Dr. Price's Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted. The following tested recipe is a practical illustration:

SPONGE CAKE

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
3 eggs
2 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup cold water
1 teaspoon flavoring

DIRECTION: Beat eggs and water until syrupy, add a thread and add to the stiffly beaten whites of eggs, beating until the mixture is cold. Beat together three times, the flour, salt and baking powder, beat yolks of eggs until thick; add a little at a time flour mixture and egg yolks alternately to white of egg mixture, stirring after each addition. Add 1/2 cup cold water and flavoring. Mix lightly and bake in moderate oven one hour.

The old method called for six eggs and no baking powder

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SENATE ADOPTS CLOTURE RULE TO END FILIBUSTERING

The United States Senate, which convened in special session on the 6th, after the adjournment of Congress, according to popular demand, on the 8th repealed its century-old rule permitting unlimited debate, which encouraged filibustering and frequently enabled a small minority to defeat in the closing hours of Congress important measures, as was the case in the armed neutrality shipping bill, and adopted in its stead a new rule under which debate on any measure may be brought to a close by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

The new rule was adopted by a vote of 70 to 3. Under it, two-thirds of the Senators present and voting can in future limit debate and say when a vote shall be taken on a pending measure. The rule is the one which was agreed to by both the Democratic and Republican caucuses Wednesday night.

In adopting the new rule the Senate is abandoning a century-old custom under which a Senator was permitted to talk as long as his physical strength held out.

The new rule was under discussion only six hours when a vote was reached. Those voting against the rule were Senators LaFollette, Gronna and Sherman.

In brief, the new rule provides that on petition of 10 Senators to close debate on a pending measure, the Senate, by a two-thirds vote, on the following day but one, may limit debate thereafter to one hour to each Senator. It includes provisions to prevent dilatory tactics and the introduction after cloture is ordered of amendments not germane to the pending bill. Many Senators who favored the change do not look upon it as a cloture rule such as prevails in the House of Representatives, where the Rules Committee, with a majority behind it, can set the limits upon speech and the hour for a vote. Others fear that the new rule is but an entering wedge, and that the days of the Senate as the only legislative body in the world where there can be full and free discussion, are numbered.

THE POET AND ST. PETER

St. Peter looked down the way and saw a caller, thin and gray, who toiled along the upward slope with look devoid of joy and hope.

"And who are you?" the good saint cried.

"I am a wretch," the man replied, and dropped beneath St. Peter's glance. "I'm sorry that I took this chance."

The saint replied, "My grieving son, let's hear what 'tis you've gone and done."

The man looked up—"I'm that poor thing who always lies about the spring. I claimed I saw—alas, the shame! The first bold robin when it came!"

The good saint cried, "Come in," and drew the door again; "there's room for you. I'm sorry that you felt alarm, for robin liars mean no harm."

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF FARMINGTON

Notice is hereby given that a general election to be voted at by the qualified voters of the City of Farmington will be held in said City of Farmington, Missouri, on

TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd, 1917, with polling places in each ward, as follows:

First Ward. City Hall, east side of Public Square.
Second Ward. Circuit Court room, Court House.

Third Ward. Waters' Press Printing office in Farmers Bank Building.
Fourth Ward. Henry Manley's Shoe Shop on Henry street, one-half block south of Columbia street.

The purpose of said election shall be to elect a Mayor, a Marshal, and a Police Judge for the City of Farmington, and to elect one Alderman for each of the four wards of this city, which said officers shall be elected to their respective offices for a period of two years, and in addition thereto, one Alderman shall be elected for the Fourth Ward to serve during the unexpired term of John Coffman.

The polls will be open from six o'clock a. m. til seven o'clock p. m. of above named day.

E. J. McKinney, Mayor of Farmington.

Attest: SAM F. ISENMAN, City Clerk.

SIGN OF GOOD DIGESTION

When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere. (adv.)

A PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE

Friends of Hon. G. W. Moothart, representative of St. Francois county, are urging him to become a candidate for Congress in 1918, to succeed Hon. W. L. Hensley, who has publicly stated that he will not run for re-election. Mr. Moothart is well known throughout the district and would be a most formidable candidate should he consent to enter the race. He is a simon-pure Democrat, clean, upright and popular, and the vast interests of this district could be safely entrusted to him.

Mr. Moothart has been one of the big men in the present Missouri Legislature and has prepared and introduced some important bills, chiefly for the benefit of labor. He has stood squarely for all legislation intended for the betterment of Missouri, and his record is one for which he need offer no apology. Mr. Moothart is recognized as one of Gov. Gardner's chief aides in the House.—DeSoto Press.

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